COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Newsletter

September 2009

Upcoming Church Events

Soup Kitchen (St. Bart's)
Every second Wednesday of the month
Wednesday, September 9, meet at church at 4 p.m.

Choir Practice
resumes September 9
Every Wednesday Night, 7 p.m. – Sanctuary

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, September 12, 8 a.m. - Thompson Hall

Fall Workday
Saturday, September 12, 9 a.m.

Kickoff Sunday
Sunday, September 13
There will not be an 8 a.m. worship service

Sunday School
resumes September 13

Prayer Group
resumes September 15
Every Tuesday, 9-10 a.m. – Prayer Room

Bible Study
resumes September 15
Every Tuesday, 10-11 a.m. – Friendship Hall

Crossroads Bible Study
resumes September 20
Every Sunday, 9 a.m. – church office

Revive!
Youth Group Lock-in *(Sleepover)*
Friday, September 25, 6:30 p.m.

Alive! & Revive!
Youth Group Room Raising
Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m.

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COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

Office Hours

Weekdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Worship Services

Sunday mornings
8 a.m. in Lanier Hall
10 a.m. in Sanctuary

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A Word From Kory



I can't begin to tell you the range of emotions my family and I have experienced over the past year. This process of considering a call to another church has been everything from exhilarating to heart-wrenching. I want to share with you the events that led to my accepting a call to serve in Lexington, Ky.

I was contacted by a church last October that was looking for a senior pastor and had been given my name. This was the first time since I've been at CCC that this has happened. My first response was "not interested." But the church persisted, so I agreed to interview.

I heard from that church in January that they had hired someone else. While we didn't receive a call to that church, the process of interviewing caused Leigh and me to step back and look at our life situation. Was God nudging us to consider our next chapter in ministry? Would this be a good time in our lives to move? We had lived here for eight years, the church was in a very healthy place, and the girls would be going to new schools in the fall. While we didn't feel like we had to move, we decided that we were open to the idea if the right situation presented itself.

So we put our papers out (our denomination's equivalent of circulating your resume) in late January. The advantage of doing so in our denomination is that you can be very specific about where this happens. Because of our desire to be closer to our families, we chose to circulate our papers in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. We never heard from Ohio; we heard there were no openings in Tennessee; and the two churches we heard from in Indiana didn't fit what we were looking for. That left Kentucky. If there was nothing there, we were more than happy to stay in Illinois and continue serving our wonderful church family here.

On February 25, I received an email from Wayne Shaver, the search committee chair at Crestwood Christian Church in Lexington. That was followed by a phone interview with the committee in March and a visit to Lexington in April. The more I talked with the church, the more I realized that this would be a good fit and a natural next step for me in my ministry.

But apart from the church, Leigh and I felt this would be a good move for us for several other reasons:

+ It would put us within about an hour or so of both our families (including our aging parents).
+ We would be able to live within 5-10 minutes of the church.
+ Because of the more moderate climate, Leigh would be able to do her photography year-round.

When we took those factors into consideration, along with the potential of the church, we felt that God was at work and we were being called to serve in Lexington. We made a family visit on July 18-19 and I preached my "audition sermon." The church voted unanimously the following Sunday, July 26, to call me as their senior pastor.

During this past year, I have struggled greatly with the tension I was feeling between loving and serving this church and feeling called to serve another church. I have never experienced this before and found it a profoundly difficult experience. I'm still coming to terms with the fact that we are actually going to be leaving CCC. I think I have tried to conveniently block out that fact until now.

Until my last day on Oct. 25, I am committed to working for you and serving with you as this church focuses on the future. One of the reasons I feel comfortable leaving now is that CCC is very healthy and poised to move forward. This congregation will be a very attractive one for potential candidates, and I believe God will bless you with just the right person to help you grow into the future.

Like me, I'm sure you may have experienced a range of emotions as you learned of my news. I want to make sure you have an opportunity to share with me whatever you would like – anger, sadness, joy, etc. Even if you are hesitant to express those feelings to me, I assure you I want to hear them. My door is open and I am going to focus my remaining two months on ending my time with you in a healthy way, so let's find a time to talk. I will save my goodbyes for the October newsletter; I'm not ready to say them quite yet! For now I will simply say what a privilege it is to be your pastor.

Our Journey Together

By Kory Wilcoxson



As I've looked back over our past eight years together, I've been amazed at the ways God has used us to further the work of this church. I thought I would try to capture some of those accomplishments. This is not a list of what I have done; it is a list of what we have done, or what God has done through us. I'm sure I'm forgetting some things, but this gives you an idea of the blessings of the past eight years.

Some things that have happened since July 2001:

WORSHIP
- ◊ Creation of the choir scholarships for the "Northwestern boys"
- ◊ A sanctuary renovation (Stained glass, new carpet, reconfiguration of chancel area)
- ◊ Enhancements in our worship service (use of a liturgist, new Chalice hymnals)
- ◊ Increase in l00ay-lead worship services (Youth Sunday, Lay Sunday, Hymn Sings)

OUTREACH
- ◊ Seven mission trips, include two to New Orleans
- ◊ Budgeted support of two overseas missionaries
- ◊ Participation in Habit for Humanity workdays

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY LIFE
- ◊ Of the 123 families in the directory, 55 have come to CCC during this time
- ◊ Complete Constitution revision, which included the creation of Ministries Council
- ◊ Community-focused events like the Easter Egg Hunt and Trick or Trunk
- ◊ Creation of the church website and the Weekly Word email
- ◊ Completion and implementation of the Long Range Plan
- ◊ Participation in Lincolnshire 4th of July parade
- ◊ Start of the Memorial Woods project
- ◊ Creation of the TNT (Twenties and Thirties) Young Adult Group

SPIRITUAL LIFE
- ◊ Increased emphasis on the prayers of the church (Prayer Banner, Lenten Prayer Program, Prayer Cards, etc.)
- ◊ 16 weddings, 9 funerals, and (since 2005) 26 baptisms/confirmations
- ◊ Creation of Stephen Ministry Program
- ◊ Creation of the Elders Shepherding Program

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
- ◊ Creation of the Youth Leadership Team and new youth group (Alive! for 5th and 6th graders)
- ◊ Tuesday morning Bible studies (we'll start studying our 15th biblical book – Hebrews - this fall)
- ◊ Implementation of the Workshop Rotation Model for Sunday School

Michael's Musings

"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world."

This is the newly revised identity statement for our denomination, and it was the basis for the focus of the 2009 General Assembly: "...For the Healing of the Nations" (Revelation 22:1-5).

At the end of July, I traveled to Indianapolis, our denominational headquarters, for this very meaningful General Assembly. It was my first time at a large-scale denominational gathering of any kind, so I was excited to experience the preaching, worship, and business sessions that marked the five day event.

Since the Disciples of Christ, as a denomination, is not organized with a top-down hierarchy, our denomination-wide decisions are made democratically at assemblies. During the business sessions, a large group of clergy, congregational representatives, and regional delegates vote on a number of issues. I will focus on two issues that were discussed and voted upon during the assembly:

1. A Call For Action: This operational business item was concerned with restructuring how our denomination deals with social, theological, and political issues. We are a congregationally based denomination, which means the task of making statements about current events is tricky and difficult. The regional and general units (sometimes called "manifestations") of our denomination are *support structures* for congregations—they are accountable to us, not the other way around. Currently, we have what is called a "sense of the assembly resolution." These proposals are voted upon at General Assemblies. If approved, they become an authorized statement from the voters concerning an issue (say, the Iraq war or an ecological concern). Anyone can submit one of these resolutions, and, as we might expect, there are countless submissions—too many to engage deeply and critically. The "Call For Action" was designed to let the Board of our denomination choose just 4 matters to engage with congregations for several years culminating in an informed vote. The contentious nature of what it means for us to even have a "sense of the assembly resolution" coupled with fears of a "consolidation of power" with the Board in these matters led to the eventual defeat of "A Call For Action" at the 2009 General Assembly. For more information, go to http://www.disciples.org/GeneralAssembly/ResolutionsandBusinessDocket/0925/tabid/522/Default.aspx

2. Theological Foundations and Policies and Criteria for the Ordering of Ministry: This extensive operational business item was complex. I will highlight several features worth noting. First, members of our denomination can apply for ministerial licensing without pursuing ordination. The nomenclature of "licensed" minister has been considered un-biblical, and so the term "commissioned" was proposed to replace "licensed." Second, our denomination requires a Master of Divinity degree for ordination. This educational component is coupled with an ordination process administered by each region within our denomination. However, due to concerns that the cost of education excludes some, or that some are too late in life to pursue a degree, or that some are not interested in ordained congregational ministry but instead need ordination for other purposes, this item allowed for an "apprenticeship track" to ordination which *does not require an MDiv degree*. There is, instead, an extended process, administered by existing regional ordination committees, involving personal study, mentorship, a limited number of classes, and ordination interviews. This proposal was passed at the 2009 General Assembly. For more information, go to: http://www.disciples.org/GeneralAssembly/ResolutionsandBusinessDocket/0922/tabid/519/Default.aspx

I hope that these two issues give you a sense of what is discussed and considered at our gatherings. Not only do we come together to worship and see each other, but we discuss important matters pertinent to the future life of our denomination—both in terms of leadership and denominational structure. If you have not attended one of these assemblies, know that you are welcome at the 2011 Nashville General Assembly. It promises to be a memorable experience for Disciples.

CCC Kickoff Sunday
September 13

After a combined worship service at 10 a.m. (no 8 a.m. service) please join us at Tamarak Day Camp (23970 North Elm Road, Lincolnshire) for plenty of food, fun and fellowship. The entrée for grilling and drinks will be provided; guests are asked to bring a side dish to pass. The swimming pool will be open, so be sure to bring your suits and a towel. You can also play basketball, tennis (bring your own equipment) and other sports. This will be a great way to kickoff another sensational year of worship at Community Christian Church!

Sign up in Friendship Hall. For more information, please contact Lucia Thoensen (LKThoensen1@aol.com, 847 914-0409) or Linda Newberg (LLNewberg@aol.com, 847 362-5049).

Thank You!!

...to those families who provided treats and served juice and coffee after church in July.

The O'Neil family
The Short family
The Sylvan family
The Hanson family

...to Margaret and Barry Lyerly for organizing CCC Ravinia Night.

...To Phyllis Weller for organizing CCC Ladies Breakfast.

...to Steve Naftzger for getting the Men's Golf Outing together.

...to Pip Gledhill and all the youth who helped with the games at Taste of Lincolnshire.

Too Much Junk in Your Trunk?

(or basement, garage or attic?)



Too Many Treasures in Your Toybox?

CCC Annual Garage Sale
October 3

PLEASE…

….Save and donate only your GOOD stuff!!

Remember, broken items fill our dumpster and take only our profits.
Dirty items take our time!

Would you like to help this year?
Please contact Joanna Schell
847 945-3209, JoannaSchell@comcast.net

STEPHEN MINISTRY
at CCC

Do You Think God Has "re-dial"?

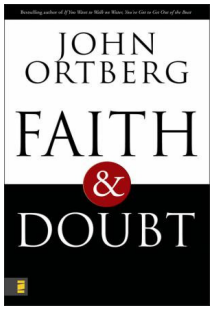
Have you noticed how everyone seems to have their ears plugged into something or other? If it's not a cell phone, it's an iPod. Even while traveling by car other motorists generously share their "musical" selections. Finding a time and place for peace can become challenging.

If you find that all the "noise" in your life is separating you from your connection with our loving Lord, it may be wise to meet with a Stephen Minister. Kory will be happy to help....Just give him a call.

CCC Men's Breakfast and Book Discussion



The CCC Men's Group extends a hearty invitation to all who would like to come to the monthly men's breakfast in Thompson Hall. The event takes place from 8 to 9 a.m. typically on the first Saturday of the month but occasionally on the second Saturday, depending on the calendar. (This month, the date is Saturday, September 12.) We order (in advance) take-out from McDonalds, socialize, and discuss a chapter from the book we're reading. The group will be starting a new book on October 10 (described below), so it's a perfect time for newcomers to stop by and join the fellowship. Please contact Charlie Service at 847-236-0608 if you would like to place your breakfast order -- or for more information -- or just come by the church on September 12. And if you're a regular -- why not think about extending an invitation to a friend?



The book the men's group will be reading and discussing over the next several months will be Faith and Doubt, by John Ortberg. We will order a quantity of copies of this book, and they will cost $15 each. Please let me know if you want to be included in the order.

We often think of doubt as the opposite of faith, but John Ortberg contends that the very nature of faith requires the presence of uncertainty. In this candid look at a life of faith, he traces the line between belief and unbelief. He maintains that our questions can expand our understanding, uncertainty can lead to trust, and honest faith can produce outrageous hope. Written from Ortberg's own struggle with faith and doubt, this book will challenge, comfort, and inspire us with the truth that God wants all of us, including our doubts.

CCC Women's Breakfast

The CCC Women will be meeting for breakfast on Saturday, September 12 at 7:45 a.m. at Einstein Bagels in Lincolnshire. Come join us for a quick breakfast and some fellowship. Any questions contact Kelley at chirich@att.net or 847 833-6105.

Hope to see you there!

Fall Work Day Saturday, September 12

We can certainly use your help Saturday, September 12, with our abbreviated fall workday. Following are some of the tasks we will be doing and the tools you will need.



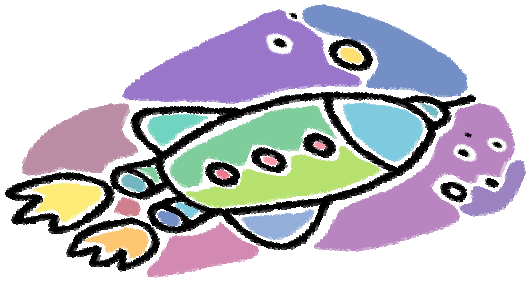
- ⇒ Pruning bushes - pruning shears, hedge shears, electric hedge trimmers
- ⇒ Weeding - cultivator, small spade, garden fork
- ⇒ Spreading wood chips - wheel barrow, shovel, pitch fork
- ⇒ Picking up debris - trash barrel, leaf rake, push broom
- ⇒ And most important, **work gloves**





In addition, we will have the opportunity to wash windows, if that suits you better than working in the dirt. To do this, bring a small bucket, a sponge and clean, dry rags. We will supply the cleaning solution.

We will start at 9 a.m. and work no longer than 11 a.m. Come help us spruce up the appearance of your church in preparation for Kick-Off Sunday.



CCC's Sunday School: Bible Lesson Activity STations

September B.L.A.ST. Theme: Noah's Ark



God made a covenant with Noah and his descendents that the world would never again be destroyed by flood. The sign of this covenant is the rainbow. We are called to remember this story and be made aware that, as descendants of Noah, we are bound by this same covenant. We are a Covenant people.

2009 -2010 Rotation

September:	Noah's Ark
October:	Abraham
November:	10 Commandments
December:	Messengers of the Covenant
January:	Good Samaritan
February:	The Prodigal Son
March:	Woman with the Alabaster Jar
April:	Crucifixion and Resurrection
May:	Early Church as the Body of Christ

Summer Sunday School



A heartfelt thank you goes to all of you who helped with Summer Sunday School.

Please plan on coming to church for an art show on Sept 6 during coffee fellowship to celebrate the fine art projects created during Summer Sunday School.



TNT (Twenties & Thirties) Young Adult Group

TNT will be cooking out at the Swartzentruber apartment in Chicago on Saturday, September 19th at 4:00 pm. Come and join in the food and fellowship!
Address:
3350 S. Lituanica Ave., Chicago, 60608
E-mail Michael for directions or questions:
cccmichael@comcast.net.

Changing the Church Pews

The Worship Committee is busy planning our worship services as we transition to an interim minister as well as planning the upcoming holiday season. The committee is also working on gathering information about possibly changing the upholstery on our pews. They would love to have input from members of the congregation during this exciting time. If you have any input, the committee welcomes you to join us for our upcoming meeting on September 23 at 3:30 or submit your thoughts and concerns to Bev Pyster at bkpyster1@yahoo.com or Beth McCormack at bfmccormack@fam-atty.com.

Through August 27, 2009, the Sunday School offering since Kick-off Sunday, September 7, 2008 is:

$578.15

Thank you!!!

Happy Birthday!

Alice Reich	9/1
Nick Bartel	9/2
Leslie Munger	9/5
Kacey Cabanban	9/6
Phelan Davidson	9/6
Robin Ekenberg	9/6
Shalyn Wismer	9/6
Tim Gripper	9/9
Sydney Wilcoxson	9/9
Bill Kasbeer	9/11
Smitty Cornell	9/13
Brady Martin	9/14
Henry Fiorentini	9/15
Gwenna Heidkamp	9/15
Sue Beck	9/16
David Thoensen	9/16
Ed Angel	9/17
Nancy Bufe	9/17
Travis Naftzger	9/17
Kai Gigante	9/18
Nelson Irving	9/18
Michael Swartzentruber	9/18
Matt Fisher	9/19
Ellen Zimmerman	9/19
Jonathan Rogers	9/20
Chuck Hemmingway	9/24
Andy Munger	9/24
John Munger	9/24
Ed Beiersdorf	9/25
Kay Severns	9/25
Alex Fiorentini	9/26
Marc McCormack	9/26
Jennifer Pestikas	9/26
Rob Schell	9/27
Steve Bartel	9/30
Kelley Richardson	9/30
Claire Theobald	9/30

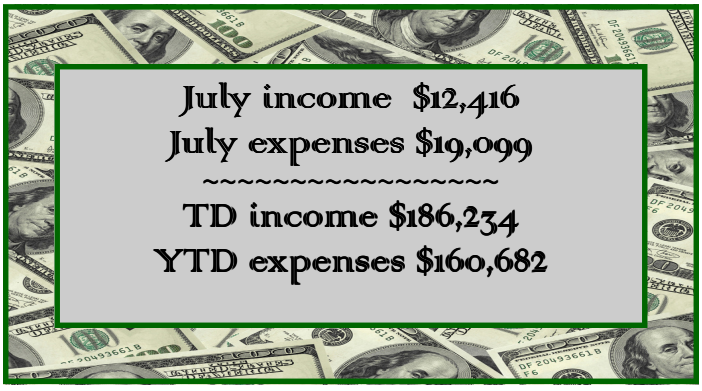
Happy Anniversary!

Jim and Phyllis Weller	9/3
Steve and Debbie Gripper	9/8
Roger and Judy Mankus	9/21
Jeff and Susan Langner	9/25
Ohan and Cathy Kedjidjian	9/29

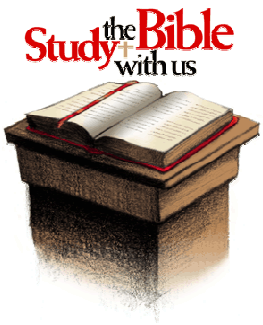


Men's Golf Outing

The annual CCC Men's Golf Outing -- also known as the Kory Golf Classic -- was held on Saturday, August 22 at the Willow Glen Golf Club. Fifteen men took part in the fun on a beautiful autumn-like summer day. Kory Wilcoxson took home several of the golfing honors, winning the longest drive contest and two of the closest-to-the-pin awards, with Rich Reich winning the other closest-to-the-pin. Many thanks to Steve Naftzger, who organized the event.



Bible Study: The Spiritual Stimulus of Hebrews



The need for reassurance and hope isn't limited to times of economic difficulties. Early Christians struggled to keep the faith as they were oppressed and persecuted. Was this Jesus Christ really who he said he was? Was he worth believing in, especially when that belief was the source of their troubles? The book of Hebrews was written to address these concerns and to restate the sufficiency and superiority of Jesus Christ, the son of God. Starting Tuesday, Sept. 15, our Tuesday morning Bible study will take a look at Hebrews and the uplifting, hope-filled message it offers. We meet at 10 a.m. in Friendship Hall. No prior knowledge necessary! You bring the open mind and desire to learn, we'll provide the Bibles and the coffee.

Crossroads Bible Study

Crossroads is the Adult Bible Study that meets between services at 9:05 on Sunday mornings. Everyone has busy lives and sandwiching one more thing on Sunday mornings is never easy. The small group who have been attending, however, attest to how much they have learned and understand more about their faith walk. We invite you to join us whenever it is possible. We have study books and if missing a Sunday becomes necessary, then participants can still keep up. The group is self-led and requires no biblical or experiential expertise.

Our initial study for this year is 1st and 2nd Thessalonians and our first session is September 20. Please join us.

Upcoming Sermons



September 6: John 13:34-35, and I Corinthians 13

Jesus teaches us about something given by God that enables us to journey through every trial and circumstance into the land of joy and ultimate meaning ...something more important than unanswered questions. Maybe you'll be surprised...maybe not.

Sermon Series – "Called to Be…"

During the sabbatical period, both Kory and the church focused on exploring our Mission Statement for the purpose of better understanding who God has called us to be. For this sermon series, Kory will be sharing what he learned about the statement and God's call for this congregation. We will learn together who God has called us to be and what that means for our future.

Sept. 13 – "We are called to…"

Sept. 20 – "Welcome people into a loving and caring church family"

Sept. 27 – "Equip people with a Christ-centered faith that works in real life"

Oct. 4 – "Share God's love for us through compassionate service to others"

Sabbatical Information

The church's sabbatical exploration has drawn to a close. We have completed our look at the three core elements of our mission statement (Welcoming, Equipping, Sharing). During the month of September, all the information, sermons, prayers, surveys, and blog responses will be compiled for a final "sabbatical product."This will accompany Kory's sabbatical product. When complete, both products will be made available for the congregation to view and consider as we move forward in God's work.



Meet John and Jennifer Pestikas

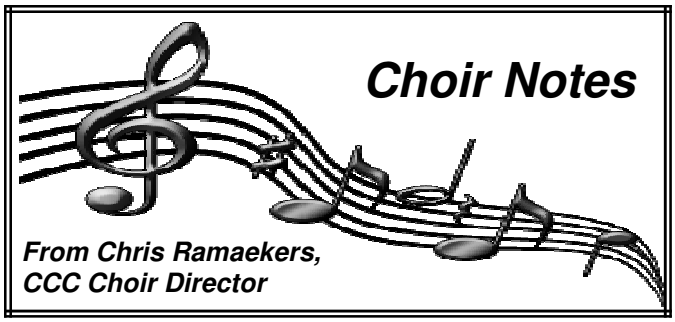
Two of the newer members of CCC are John (JJ) and Jennifer (Jen) Pestikas. They have been increasingly active in our church with JJ on the Finance Committee last program year, Jen a regular liturgist in worship services and the two of them in the TNT (20s & 30s) group. No children yet, but an eventual part of their plans. They are each very busy in all other aspects of their lives.

Jen is manager of the Wealth Management Department of the Baxter Credit Union and is pursuing an International MBA at the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. She expects to complete this MBA program next year. She recently went to China as part of one of her MBA classes. John is a relationship manager with PNC Bank and is working long hours and some weekends. A third beloved member of their family is their dog, Jake, a Shih Tzu plus. (I can't really picture JJ with a Shih Tzu. He seems more like a Labrador Retriever guy.)

They both grew up in Munster, Indiana. Jen went to Indiana University and graduated with a double major in French and Spanish. JJ earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). They both went into banking out of school and moved to this area with Jen's joining Baxter Credit Union.

Jen grew up in the Catholic church, and John has a little of both Methodist and Catholic in his background. They first visited CCC on the recommendation of one of Jen's co-workers - a CLC student in Kory's public speaking class. They have found CCC a good fit with sermons relevant to their lives and the welcoming and friendly congregation.

Be sure to get to know JJ and Jen Pestikas. They are a great addition, and we are very pleased they are part of our church family.



Welcome back everyone!

I hope you have all enjoyed your Chicagoland summer as much as I have. While we pay our dues in the winters, this is, without question, one of the greatest cities in the world in the summer.

I could not have been happier with the performance of our choir last season. Our ensemble sang in three different languages, in a countless number of styles, and works spanning over 400 years of music history. This coming year I have some fantastic music and a number of exciting new challenges planned for our group. We will continue to explore the standard repertoire, and to deepen our relationship with pieces that we have performed over the past few seasons. In addition, we will be performing some very old music, from 16th century Italy, and some very new music, written in 2008 in Chicago. I can't wait to share this music with you all!

Our first choir rehearsal is September 9th and our first performance will be during the service on September 13th.

If anyone out there has any interest in joining our choir for this exciting season, we would love to see some new faces up front with us. Please feel free to be in touch with me at chris.ramaekers@gmail.com.

See you all on Sunday!

CCC Long-Term Prayer List

Prayer works. At CCC, we have witnessed this truth time and time again, which is why we take prayer so seriously here. "I'm praying for you" isn't some empty platitude; it's a powerful promise! As Christians, when we pray, God listens.

A testament to our belief in prayer is our long-term prayer list. This list is almost overflowing with prayer concerns, which has created a bit of a logistical challenge for us. While we want to encourage the sharing of concerns, we also don't want the list to become so unwieldy that it loses its effectiveness.

In an effort to better manage our long-term prayer list, the Ministers and the Elders' Ministry have proposed a new system for updating the names. Starting September 15, when a name is put on the long-term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added.

We hope this new system will allow us to be responsive to prayer needs while keeping our list current and of a manageable size. As always we appreciate your feedback. Our goal is to help you enhance your prayer life and strengthen your relationship with Christ as you pray for others. We hope this new system helps.

As a reminder, we have two main prayer lists that help keep concerns in our hearts. The **short-term prayer list** is found on the back page of the Sunday worship bulletin and in the Weekly Word email. Names added to that list will appear for three consecutive weeks, after which, if there is need to continue, they will be moved to the long-term prayer list.

Names on the **long-term prayer list** are posted on the prayer banner in Friendship Hall and included in the Weekly Word. We will also periodically put the long-term prayer list on an insert in the bulletin and in the newsletter. The Ministers and Elders pray for those on the short-term and long-term lists. Names may be added to the prayer lists by submitting a blue prayer card during worship as well as by calling or emailing the church office.

Please see the current Long-Term Prayer List on the next page.

Elder Prayer Campaign

For the month of September, the elders ask for prayers for two Disciples of Christ congregations in Illinois:

First Christian Church of Centralia
University Place Christian Church of Champaign

Short Term Prayer List

Ada Kinscherff
Channing Verbeck
KC & family
Kreig, Brenda & Kayleigh
Amy
Dollinger Family
Ken & family
Bradley and Jill Brown
Grace & family
McColl family
St. Paul Lutheran Church

CCC Long-Term Prayer List

Akila
Alice
Ann
Anthony
Barbara
Becky & David
Beth
Beth - family
Bettye & Ham
Blanche
Bonnie
Brayden and family
Brenda & family
Brenda & family
Brent
Bryan
Chris
Chuck
Cindy & Karl
Debbie
Debbie's family
Denise
Don
Dotty
Ed
Ed
Edward
Eleanore
Engle family
Fay & Leon
Florence
Gail
George
George
Greg
Harriet
Henry
Howard
Jeff
Jerry's family
Jo, John & family
Josh
Josie's family
Ken & family
Kim, Danny, Danielle, Stephanie and Larry
Kristen & Scott
Kristina
Laura
Lesli
Lieselotte & family
Linda
Linley
Lisa & Family
Loren
Lupe
Marcia
Mary Beth
Mary
Matt
Michael & John
Michelle & family
Ming & family
Nancy
Nicki & family
Our Stephen Ministry
Our Troops
Pat & Noreen
Pat
Penny
Ray & family
Rick
Rick & family
Ron
Ron
Ruth & Max
Scott
Sean & Peggy
Sean
Sharon
Shawn & family
Sheena 's family
Shuqin
Skip
Spencer
Stacie
Steve & family
Susanne
Susanne
Teresa & family
Terri
Wayne & Sarita
William & Vi

Who Are The Disciples?

The 21st Century Visioning Team for our denomination has created a new Disciples Identity Statement. In each newsletter, we'll examine aspects of this statement to better understand who we are as Disciples.

"We witness to the Gospel of God's saving love for the world in Jesus Christ, while continuing to struggle with how God's love may be known to others in different ways."

As Disciples of Christ, we celebrate the new life we have found through our faith in Jesus Christ but we don't claim to have all the answers. So as we witness to our faith in Christ, we also pursue a greater understanding and ongoing dialogue with people of other faiths. This engagement with other faith traditions is not meant to condemn them for their beliefs nor to forsake our own beliefs, but seeks to find places of convergence in our richly diverse faith traditions. Attempting to make sense of our own faith while cultivating relationships with Jews, Muslims, Hindus and others is, as this statement says, a "struggle." It's struggle we believe is worth undertaking.

CCC Youth Page

ALIVE!

5th and 6th Graders

REVIVE!

7th through 12th Graders

Greetings youth and parents! We are kicking things off this September and I am so very excited for what lies ahead. Below are some important events to keep in mind as we prepare to do God's work, fellowship with each other, and grow in our faith.

9/13	Kickoff Sunday: All-Church event after worship at Tamarak Day Camp.
9/20	Villa Park Revival Leave 4:30pm from church parking lot—car pool
9/25-26	*Revive!* Lock-in
10/3	Garage Sale—morning donut sale to customers
10/18	Fright Fest at Six Flags
11/20-22	Summit 2009

More information about these events and our regular meeting times with the Revive! and Alive! groups will be forthcoming in a written letter and through e-mail communication. Please call or e-mail if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions related to the youth group this year! On behalf of the YLT and Community Christian Church, I want to say "thank you" for the opportunity to work alongside the youth in God's good work.

In Christ,
Michael